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Ms. Angela Reynolds , Environment Officer  
Department of Planning and Building: Sports Park DEIR  
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333 West Ocean Blvd.  
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Concern : PROJECT POWER REQUIREMENTS- NATURAL GAS

It is estimated that 132,400 cubic feet of natural gas, per month, would be used at this facility. It is estimated to be 0.09 % of Long Beach Energy's delivery capacity. This excessive use of natural gas takes away from resources needed by citizens and industry, our tourist industry and other job-producing uses. Such an excessive use of natural gas resources is not justified to create recreation facilities for so few citizens. The large amounts of energy used on this non-essential project drives up the cost of natural gas for other Long Beach businesses and residents.

Use of more conventional sports fields by our citizens would not require natural gas and there is no mention of alternative energy options to produce energy for this project, such as solar water heaters, biogas, solar power or fuel cells.

QUESTIONS:

It is not clear what this will be used for, hot water? Cooking in restaurant facilities?  
Heating buildings?

Is this estimate over-inflated to make the project more acceptable to Long Beach, which sells Natural Gas to local residents and business?

Why not use school area sports fields that do not require natural gas and have local businesses take contracts for catering sports events on these sites?

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

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### P-4-1

This comment misquotes information contained in the Draft EIR. Although the Proposed Project will generate a demand for approximately 132,400 cubic feet of natural gas per month, project gas demand represents approximately 0.01 percent of Long Beach Energy's (LBE) total daily delivery capacity (not 0.09 percent). LBE presently uses approximately 47 percent of its daily delivery capacity, leaving 53 percent of its capacity available. It is unclear what thresholds the commentor is using to define estimated project site gas demand as "excessive." The Proposed Project will be required to comply with the Building Energy Efficiency Standards found in Title 24 of the California Administrative Code and the City of Long Beach's Green Building Policy. As such, the Proposed Project will not result in the use of substantial amounts of natural gas.

### P-4-2

This comment questions for what uses natural gas will be utilized on site. Natural gas may be used for heating, cooling, ventilation, water heating, and lighting of the concession, golf center, office, and other buildings.

### P-4-3

Project demand for natural gas was estimated using established consumption factors provided by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). The thresholds used to assess potential project impacts included the following criterion:

- Would the project generate demand for electricity, natural gas, telephone service, or cable service that exceeds the capacity of existing public service systems or otherwise requires expansion or construction of major new facilities leading to a significant physical impact?

Project demand for natural gas was estimated to gauge whether or not the Proposed Project would generate demand for natural gas that would exceed the capacity of existing public service systems or require the expansion or construction of major new facilities, leading to a significant physical impact. All analysis provided in the Draft EIR is intended to provide a worst-case scenario for demand of natural resources, and although such analysis is intended to be conservative, it is not deliberately overinflated.

The commentor also questions whether the demand for natural gas could be reduced if the project were not built and catering was provided to school areas. The reduction in natural gas demand is implied if the project were not built. Further response to this comment would be speculative. This opinion will be made available for consideration by the decision-makers as part of their determination regarding the Proposed Project.